

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2015 AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL, 52 SOUTH PARK  
STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.

**Mayor and Council Members Present:** Mayor Brian Johnson, Council Members Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht, William Harding and Alan Anderton

**Appointed Officers and Employees Present:** Attorney Joel Linares, Clerk/Recorder Amie Russell and Treasurer Lacey Burrows.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.** Mayor Brian Johnson, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht, William Harding and Alan Anderton.

**2. Approval of meeting minutes for 09/23/15.** Mayor Johnson made a motion to table meeting until the next meeting. Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**3. Sheriff's Report.** Deputy Miller was present representing sheriff's department. There were 12 details taken, 0 arrests and 1 citation. The speed trailer is being used more. Contact Lieutenant Sharman if the trailer is desired to be in town more. The speed trailer has been in town a couple times and we have seen significant reduction in speed. There are concerns with winter approaching and the road condition. Mayor appreciates their support in this area.

**4. Safety Topic.** Alan Anderton presented the safety topic. When driving in construction zones we need to manage speed, slowdown in work zone, follow speed limit and leave a safe following distance. Don't leave roads unless signs show it is ok to do so. Keep a safe distance between barriers, construction workers and vehicles. When stopped leave a safe distance. You should be able to see the back tires of the vehicle in front of you when stopped.

**5. Fire Department Report.** Pete Albrecht reported all apparatus is good condition. Spare tire has been mounted on rim. There have been more medical calls than fire calls. Pete offered condolences to the McAtee Family. He welcomed anyone who wants to join the fire department, they could use help. A \$1,356.00 check was received. Mayor appreciates the efforts of the department. He further commented regarding the fire on the bench, Kevin Russell and Darrell Sagers got the fire laid down. By the time BLM got there and decided to do something about the fire it had flared back up. They disregard what the local departments do and their knowledge and he talked with a couple of the incident commanders that were on the scene. He put in a good word for our people and their efforts. Pete thanked the mayor for his support.

## **6. Council Reports**

**Cemetery** – Alan Anderton getting ready for Veterans Day. There was one death in the town, Joyce McAtee. A formal complaint that was received was given to Alan. Mayor commented there have been some complaints. Asked that more effort be put into it. Mayor thanked Alan.

**Roads** – William Harding commented the mower is in Nephi at John Deere being repaired. It will be ready to be used next year. Plow is being looked at. There seems to be a short in the wiring that is draining the battery. Asked if it was something to do with how the dump-bed was operating. William commented it is possible. When he receives an estimate he will let the council know.

Pete commented how nice the ballfield is looking and appreciated all the work done.

**Parks** – Dana complimented Weston Jensen on fixing the pump to the hydrant. The mower is in Grantsville being worked on. He further commented he is trying to get rid of the gophers in the ballfield. The pavilion restrooms have been winterized. Dana commented he took the sink out of the pavilion because people were using it at a restroom. Mayor asked if the ballfield had been mowed. Yes it has been mowed once and it was good, a little wet when it was mowed. The grass has come in really thick. Mayor commented we will have to consider how this will be taken care of and by who since we have almost doubled the lawn care at the Town Hall. The current lawn crew is doing a good job. Thanked everyone for their time and efforts, it is appreciated and sometimes it is a thankless job.

**Mayor** – SITLA issue has been quiet. The protest has been submitted. We received about 185 signatures on the protest by people who are very concerned. We have done what we needed to do He appreciates all the efforts, it is a town and community issue, not necessarily a town council issue, but it takes. If it gets to a hearing it will take continued efforts. Talked with Attorney Styler and it is still pretty quiet. Had a meeting with the Farm Bureau and asked what they could do to support us in our efforts. There is activity, but not at the level we were at getting the protest filed. Tooele City, Grantsville City, Vernon, residents of Rush Valley, several irrigation companies and the LDS church filed protests. Thanked those who came with thought provoking ideas, questions and comments. He appreciates their support of this. Thanked Attorney Linares for his efforts on this issue.

Mayor Johnson commented there were a couple agricultural building permit applications or add ons considered at the Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Mayor Johnson offered condolences to the McAtee and Neil families in the passing of Joyce. She had served a short time as clerk when I took over as mayor and for the things he learned from her. She was a good woman.

**7. Payment of Bills.** William Harding made a motion to pay the bills as written. Pete Albrecht asked about the sales tax deposit. It is received from the state monthly. It is the sales and use

tax. Mayor Johnson asked that the BBQ rental payment be moved to the general fund expenditures. Alan Anderton seconded motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**8. Public Comments.** Amie Russell asked William Harding if there were any plans to fill some of the potholes around town before winter. There have been some residents asking about this. William commented he will look into this. The truck is being worked on right now.

Mayor Johnson commented the council needs to decide when to have the Town Council meeting in November. It was agreed to have the meeting November 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Johnson also commented in the past there has been either a dinner or a Christmas ham to thank those for their service and efforts. He asked if the council had a preference of dinner or hams. There were no suggestions offered. The council commented the mayor could decide. Mayor Johnson further commented if it was decided to have a dinner is there a night that would work. It was agreed to tentatively plan December 9 at 6:30 to have the Town Council meeting and have the dinner following the meeting.

**9. Adjourn.** Pete Albrecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.